

PUBLIC HEARING ON CAR MERGER

Open Discussion to Continue All Week After Meeting of Today.

END PRIVATE SESSIONS

Other District Bills Postponed Until Latter Part Of Week.

George E. Hamilton, president, and John H. Hanna, vice president in charge of open sessions, of the Capital Traction Company, will be recalled to the stand today to testify in the hearing before the House Committee on the District of Columbia in the proposed merger of Washington's two street car systems.

When the testimony of these two officials has been completed the hearing will be "thrown open" to the general public. Representative Carl E. Mape, chairman of the committee, said yesterday that the public hearings will probably continue until the end of this week. Officials of the Washington Traffic Commission and members of the Public Utilities Commission have already been heard.

The District Committee has a number of matters affecting the National Capital which have been accumulating during the traction merger hearings. Representative Fred A. Zihlman, of Minnesota, introduced a bill to amend District traffic regulations. Pawning regulations are also on the committee's calendar.

Mr. Mape was unable yesterday to say when these matters will be reached.

Postponement of the hearings on the District "budget" until Wednesday or Thursday was announced yesterday by Representative Charles R. Davis, of Minnesota. The committee on the District of Columbia of the House Appropriations Committee.

The committee announced last week that Commissioner Brownlow would be called before them today, but was forced to postpone this arrangement.

The bill to increase the pay of teachers in the District of Columbia from 25 to 30 per cent will also be heard at this time, it is believed. This was sent to Congress February 7 by the District Commissioners.

Crap Shooting and Cards Amusement of Convicts

Richmond, Va., Feb. 16.—The universal poor diet served by jailers who board prisoners was sharply criticized by the annual report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, made public today.

The lack of recreation and occupation for prisoners was also described. The only pastime in most of the jails, the report stated, is crap shooting and card playing.

Revenue Agents Start Campaign in Virginia

Richmond, Va., Feb. 16.—Every section in Virginia today is being visited by Internal Revenue Department deputies, who are giving information to citizens of the State concerning the filing of income tax returns.

Ten deputies will be on duty in Norfolk, five at Newport News, two at Portsmouth, two at Petersburg, three at Alexandria, and one at Fredericksburg.

Rites for Explosion Victim.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 16.—Funeral services for Colville Bruce Tennant, University of Virginia student who was fatally burned in an explosion at Charlottesville Sunday, were held this afternoon from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

The youth was a nephew of David B. Tennant, of Loudoun County, and of Dr. Charles B. Tennant, of Charlottesville.

Richmond Teachers Get Raise.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 16.—School teachers here today received their first pay since the recent raise of 10 per cent was granted. Legislation of the city council made the increase effective February 1.

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South May Follow California Method of Marketing Crops

The Southern States, having produced 90 per cent of more of the total record crop of 103,500,000 bushels of sweet potatoes in 1919, valued at over \$133,000,000 on the farm, according to official figures of the United States Department of Agriculture, Federal experts, State and other agricultural workers and farmers are turning their attention to the distribution of the crop with a view to avoiding all the loss possible.

State organizations throughout the South, affiliated with the Southern Settlement and Development Organization, are exerting every effort to assist locally in the marketing of sweet potatoes produced in their territory.

Urges Publicity.
But this may not be enough to insure full utilization of the crop, in the opinion of Clement S. Ucker, of Baltimore, leader of the Southern development movement. He advocates a campaign of publicity to increase the consumption of sweet potatoes outside of the South.

"We ought to do with them as California and the Pacific Northwest do with their oranges and lemons," said Mr. Ucker recently. "They went out and created a demand for those products."

Mr. Ucker suggests that advertising sweet potatoes in magazines and periodicals would help relieve the situation. He suggests, if a few potatoes were placed in northern department stores to demonstrate how sweet potatoes should be cooked to make most delicious, that this delectable product of the South would be made known to many thousands of new consumers.

Farmers to Meet.
Having worked out the curing process, the farmers are trying to solve the problem of drying or dehydrating sweet potatoes so that they will be valuable food for man and livestock in that form. Tackling the problem from another angle, the agricultural appropriation bill for next year has just passed the House of Representatives carrying an item of \$7500 for investigation of the making of syrup and sugar from sweet potatoes.

Meanwhile, at a convention of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers at Atlanta, February 24-25, the sweet potato situation will be discussed from half a dozen different angles in papers and addresses on the program, covering market and market outlook, grades and grading, storing, curing, etc.

With all these different forces at work as outlined above, it is confidently predicted that the difficulties of the sweet potato growers should be solved through co-operation, intelligence and energy.

PRODUCE AND DAIRY MARKETS

BALTIMORE.
Baltimore, Md., Feb. 16.—Potatoes, Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, per 100 lb. \$4.00-4.25; do. New York and New Jersey, per 100 lb. \$4.00-4.25; do. Eastern Shore, Maryland, and Virginia, per 100 lb. \$3.75-4.00; do. McCormicks, \$3.25-3.50; do. Cobblers, per 100 lb. \$3.75-4.00; do. all sections, No. 2, \$2.00-2.25; No. 3, \$1.00-1.25; sweets, yellow, North Carolina, per bbl. \$5.50-6.00; Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, per bbl. \$5.50-6.00; do. No. 2, per bbl. \$3.00-4.00; yams, No. 1, per bbl. \$5.00-5.50; do. No. 2, \$4.00-4.50.

Vegetables and Green Fruits.—Apples, all varieties, No. 1, per bbl. \$5.00-5.50; do. No. 2, \$4.00-4.50; do. box apples, per box, \$2.25-3.25; do. all varieties, No. 1, per bushel, \$2.00-2.50; do. No. 2, \$1.50-2.00; beans, per basket, green, \$4.00-4.50; do. wax, per basket, \$3.00-4.00; do. pearl, per basket, \$3.00-4.00; cab- bage, per basket, \$2.50-3.00; per ton, \$60.00-65.00; celery, per bunch, \$1.00-1.50; cucumbers, per basket, \$2.00-3.00; egg- plant, Florida, per crate, \$2.50-3.00; turnips, per bushel, \$1.50-2.00.

Wheat Sales.—Small bag lots, nearby, at \$2.35 per bu. Corn—Cob, yellow, \$7.60 per bbl.; white, \$7.50; track corn, yellow, No. 3, \$1.62 per bushel; nominal. Corn Sales—None.

Oats.—No. 2, 95¢ per bu. asked; No. 3, 92¢ per bu. asked. Rye—Range of prices: Bag lots of nearby rye, as to quality, \$1.50-1.65; No. 2 Western, export, \$1.71-1.72; nominal. Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$39.00; standard timothy, \$38.50; No. 2 timothy, \$38.00; No. 3 timothy, \$37.50; No. 1 light clover, mixed, \$35.00-37.00; No. 2 light clover, mixed, \$34.00-36.00; No. 1 clover, mixed, \$37.00; No. 2 clover, mixed, \$36.00-38.00; sample grass, \$34.00-36.00.

Straw.—No. 1 straight rye, \$20.00; No. 2 straight rye, \$17.50-18.50; No. 1 tangled rye, \$17.00; No. 2 tangled rye, \$15.50-16.50; No. 1 wheat, \$15.00; No. 2 wheat, \$13.50-14.50; No. 1 oat, \$17.00; No. 2 oat, \$15.00-15.50.

Live poultry.—Chickens, young, large, smooth, pointed, \$8.00; do. young, rough and stumpy, \$7.00; do. young, winter, 2 pounds and under, 40¢; do. roosters, round, 2½ lbs., do. old hens, over 4 pounds, round, 30¢; do. small, round, 30¢; do. white leghorn hens, round, 30¢; do. ducks, Muscovy, young, round, 30¢; do. white Pekins, young, round, 30¢; do. puddle, round, 30¢; do. smaller, poor, round, 30¢; geese, nearby, fat, 34¢; turkeys, choice young hens, round, 45¢; do. gobblers, round, 40¢; do. old toms, round, 35¢; do. crooked breasts, poor, round, 22¢; pigeons, old, pair, 40¢; do. young, pair, 40¢; guinea fowl, young, over pound and a half, each, 85¢; old, each, 60¢.

Dressed poultry.—Turkeys, choice hens, 46¢; old toms, 38¢; rough and poor, 34¢; chickens, choice young, 38¢; old, 35¢; old roosters, 32¢; ducks, 30¢; geese, 30¢; capons, 41¢.

Eggs.—Western Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby, dozen, \$8.00; Eastern Shore, Maryland and Virginia, dozen, \$8.00; Western, dozen, \$8.00; Southern, dozen, \$8.00.

Butter.—Creamery, West separator, extras, 64¢; do. prints, one-half pound, extras, 64¢; prints, one-half pound, extras, 64¢; prints, one-half pound, extras, 64¢; nearby creamery, extras, 64¢; do. prints, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, 64¢; store-packed, 40¢; rolls, Maryland and Pennsylvania, extras, 46¢; do. West Virginia, extras, 44¢; do. Ohio, extras, 44¢; process butter, 55¢.

New York Dairy.
New York, Feb. 16.—Butter, steady; receipts, 10,279 tubs. Creamery, higher than extras, 67½¢; extra (2 score), 67; first (88 to 91 score), 58½¢; packing stock, current make, No. 2, 40½¢.

Eggs.—Firm; receipts, 13,024 cases. Fresh gathered, extra first, 50¢; do. 54¢; State, Pennsylvania and nearby Western henner, white, first to extra, 66¢; do. brown extra, 64¢; do. brown and mixed colors, first to extra, 58¢.

Cheese.—Weak; receipts, 3,567 boxes. State, whole milk flats, held, specials, 20¢; do. average run, 20½¢-21¢; State, whole milk twins, held, specials, 20½¢-21¢; do. average run, 20½¢-21¢.

SEEKS MISSING WIFE IN SNOW

Centerville Farmer With Lantern Traces Steps At Night.

Centerville, Md., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Helen Fleming Engram, 28 years old, wife of Roy Engram, a farmer near Ingleside, is now believed to have died in the woods near her home and to be covered with snow. She has been missing since last Wednesday morning.

Engram is almost frantic. He spent all last night in the woods searching with the aid of a lantern for his wife.

This morning he started out for the upper part of the county, where relatives and friends live. The local authorities have given him little assistance, and only a few of his neighbors have volunteered their aid.

The mysterious disappearance of the woman last Wednesday morning, after telling her husband she was going to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Engram, at Ingleside, is the chief topic of conversation in the county today.

After leaving her home, Mrs. Engram's movements were easily traced to the center of the woods between her home and Ingleside, where her footprints in the snow. The footprints stopped in the center of the woods.

Neighbors were positive in their statements this morning that Mrs. Engram was not infatuated with another man and that she eloped with him.

Manassas, Va.
Manassas, Va., Feb. 16.—The six lessons in home nursing, conducted by Mrs. C. E. Harper as part of the county health campaign, were well attended.

Mrs. W. R. Griffin and her six small children are ill of pneumonia following influenza. Mr. Griffin died last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mock and their entire family residing at Millford Mills, this county, are suffering from influenza.

A committee yesterday of four members of Grace M. E. Church South was appointed to make a religious survey of Manassas.

The Manassas Woman's Christian Temperance Union is planning an entertainment for next Friday afternoon in commemoration of the birthday of Frances Willard. A program will be given at the home of Mrs. Ann E. Spies.

Mrs. E. D. Wisler will fill the vacancy in the eighth grade Bennett School, caused by the resignation of Miss Ruth Smith.

Arrangements are being completed for the annual meeting of the educational conference of District H, comprising Alexandria city, Alexandria County, Fairfax, Prince William, Fauquier, Loudoun, Culpeper and Rappahannock counties. The meeting will be held in Manassas, February 26 and 27, and will be in charge of the district vice president, Miss Lulu D. Metz, of Manassas.

Among the speakers on the program are Division Superintendent, Chas. E. McDonald, Dr. Roy A. Flanagan, Dr. Walter J. Gifford and Dr. A. B. Chandler.

Girl's School Crowded.
Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 16.—No more applications for admission to Randolph-Macon Women's College for the term 1920-21 can be accepted. It was announced today by the faculty. The accommodations of the school for the coming term already are taxed, and a waiting list has been started.

ALEXANDRIA
THE HERALD BUREAU,
A. S. Doniphan,
17 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 16.—Many matters of interest to Alexandrians were discussed tonight at a well-attended meeting of the Alexandria Citizens' Association, held in Odd Fellows' Hall, presided over by Clinton Knight, president.

The need of a comprehensive system of sidewalks, improvement of the present sidewalks, better telephone service, removal of the switch of the Washington-Virginia Company on King street, between Washington and Columbus streets, tree planting, law to regulate removal of trees, a Sunday law and many other matters were discussed.

City council, the fire committee, the fire chief and the firemen were commended for their splendid equipment and efficiency in handling fires.

Annual dues were fixed at \$1 a year. Several new members were received into the association.

During the evening speeches were made by Richard Philpot, of the Alexandria Citizens' Association. Others who spoke were A. D. Brockett, M. T. Dwyer, F. T. Quinn, J. B. Collins, F. Clinton Knight, James T. Luckett, L. J. Miller, D. R. Stansbury, J. M. Duncan.

It was decided to hold the next meeting March 1.

Complaint has been made to the city council regarding the condition of the roads leading to the Protestant and Catholic cemeteries. Recently during the thaw funerals processions have been stuck in the mud while en route to the cemeteries.

CHESTERTOWN PLANT BURNS; LOSS \$200,000

Chestertown, Md., Feb. 16.—Loss of \$200,000 was caused by a fire last night which destroyed the plant of the Peerless Fertilizer Works, one of the oldest fertilizing plants in the country.

The main building, machinery and materials are a mass of ruins today. Wilbur W. Hubbard, president of the company, has big interests in the Hubbard Fertilizer Company in Baltimore. He plans to rebuild here. The company wharfs on the Chester River and the huge warehouse were saved.

Rockville, Md.
Rockville, Md., Feb. 16.—Following a long illness, Miss Elizabeth Bready, daughter of the late Samuel K. Bready, of this county, died last night at Denver, Col. Her body will be brought to this county for burial. Miss Bready was a sister of David J. Bready, of Washington, and Mrs. John Stone and Robert L. Saunders, who have not been completed, of this county. The funeral arrangements for the late Miss Bready were made by the late Samuel K. Bready, of this county.

Miss Minnie B. Jeffers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Coleman, and William Otto Peall, of Derwood, were married in Rockville today. Rev. F. Rowland Wagner, pastor of the Baptist Church.

Miss Virgie L. White and George E. Bromley, both of Washington, were married in Rockville today, the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. Rowland Wagner.

Hot Springs Colony Takes to Cold Hikes
By Herald Leased Wire.
Hot Springs, Va., Feb. 16.—The clear, crisp weather made walking the ideal exercise today, and the colony spent much of the day on the trails. Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Saks, who are frequent visitors here, arrived today from New York for a two weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Long and Joseph Benjamin, also of New York, registered at the Homestead today. Among other arrivals at the Homestead are: Mr. George Ellis and Miss Jean Ellis, A. F. Fischer and M. Hummel, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Vandermal, of Amsterdam, Holland, are at the Homestead.

Elmore C. Smith and wife house and lot, 1411 King street.

A meeting of the agricultural bureau of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) night in the rooms of that organization.

Arrangements have been completed for a smoker to be held tomorrow night in the Lyceum Hall by the Holy Name Society. All persons, whether members or not, are invited. A special program has been prepared for the occasion.

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1,900 ATTEND CIRCUS DESPITE NIGHT CHILL

Braving the cold more than 1,900 journey to Liberty Hut last night to see the mid-winter revue of professional circus performers, arranged by the American Legion for the benefit of wounded, sick and destitute comrades.

Fifty orphans of St. Joseph's Asylum attended the afternoon performance, guests of a woman prominent in Washington society.

"Freddy" Burroughs, ticket seller for big circuses under the "white tops," who has been engaged by the American Legion for the same work here, is at the box office at 1400 Pennsylvania avenue from 10:30 to 1:00 o'clock at Liberty Hut in the afternoon and evening.

"If the cold wave had kept away another week, there wouldn't be anything to it," Burroughs said. The demand for tickets were so great in the office of Gen. Mencher, director of the Air Service, United States army, that Col. E. Lester Jones, commander of the American Legion for the District, appointed Sergeant Joseph J. Stein to take charge of ticket-selling there. Sergeant Stein has headquarters are located in the information office, main entrance.

Trial on Double Murder Charge Is Postponed
The trial of John McHenry, 29 years old, charged with the murder of Wallace Mulcare, dealer in auto accessories, and Headquarters Detective Armstrong, has been postponed until next month. S. McComas Hawken, counsel for McHenry, yesterday filed with Justice Stuard in Criminal Division, No. 2, a bill of objections. He alleges that two headquarters detectives visited McHenry at the jail without his consent and subjected the prisoner to a verbal examination, also that Dr. Hickling, alienist, at the direction of the District Attorney's office, examined McHenry at great length without Attorney Hawken's consent. He asked that his objections be recorded with the case.

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Carton of 12 for **69c**

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Values Positively up to \$50 for

Owing to the limited quantity of each model—though all sizes are now represented—it is advisable to be on hand as promptly as possible today. Come for savings pronounced—savings up to one-half on every dress offered.

WARNER OLIVER
Warner Oliver and his guest, Wm. Q. Doniphan, have returned to the University of Virginia, after spending the week-end here.

Miss Mary Caperton Braxton has returned from a visit with friends in Baltimore.

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